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Addendum

Programme questions: evaluation

(Item 3 (c))

Report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the programme evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs

1. At its 5th meeting, on 1 June 2016, the Committee considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (OIOS) on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the programme evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (E/AC.51/2016/3).

2. The Assistant Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the report and, together with representatives of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, responded to questions raised during its consideration by the Committee.

Discussion

3. Delegations expressed appreciation for and concurred with the detailed analysis and recommendations contained in the report. Delegations commended the Office for its determined action to date to diligently implement the five recommendations, in particular recommendation 2, on the establishment of a senior surge deployment mechanism to be prepared to react to emergencies when they arose, and recommendation 3, on the leadership role of the Office in the implementation by the humanitarian system of the transformative agenda. Delegations noted and underlined

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their support for the Office's work, encouraging the Office to consider the conclusions of the review and the preliminary indications of the positive outcomes resulting from the implementation of the recommendations as an incentive for continued progress.

4. Further details were sought on the impact of and lessons learned from the implementation of the recommendations on the timeliness and effectiveness of humanitarian response, in the light of the multiple competing humanitarian crises.

5. Referring to the World Humanitarian Summit, held in Istanbul, Turkey, in May 2016, clarification was sought as to how the Office would implement the outcomes, with a delegation reiterating its intentions regarding the transformative agenda and the "grand bargain". At the same time, a delegation, expressing support for the deadlines for the recommendations and reporting on compliance, indicated that the results of the Summit were a collection of voluntary obligations and that the outcome had not been agreed upon through an intergovernmental process.

6. Further clarification was sought from the Office regarding the operating definitions of such terms as "emergency", "crisis" and "protracted crises", and how its mandate was related to those definitions.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. **The Committee decided to defer consideration of the report of OIOS on the triennial review of the implementation of recommendations on the programme evaluation of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (E/AC.51/2016/3) to its fifty-seventh session.**